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SUBJECT: SALE OF A-4 AIRCRAFT TO CHILE

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SANTIAGO 3036 MAY 74 (NOTAL); (C) STATE 127759 14 JUN 74
(NOTAL); (D) STATE 155881 18 JUL 74 (NOTAL)

1. REF B INDICATED THE CHILEAN AIR FORCE (FACH) HAD STRONG
INTEREST IN ACQUIRING A-4 AIRCRAFT FROM THE U.S. THIS INTEREST
STEMMED PRIMARILY FROM ANTICIPATED SUPPORT PROBLEMS FROM
ENGLAND WITH THE HAWKER HUNTER FLEET AND THE PERCEIVED THREAT
FROM THE NORTH.

2. WE NOW UNDERSTAND THAT THE FACH FEELS THEY HAVE OVERCOME
THE PRIMARY HAWKER HUNTER SUPPORT PROBLEM; I.E., ENGINE
OVERHAUL IN SOME LOCATION OTHER THAN ENGLAND. ADDITIONALLY,
OTHER FACH AIRCRAFT PURCHASES ARE SQUEEZING FACH FINANCIAL
RESOURCES.

3. GEN LATORRE, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, FACH, INFORMED THE
CHAFSEC, USMILGP ON 23 JUL 74 THAT THE FACH DOES NOT EXPECT
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TO MAKE A DECISION ON ACQUIRING A-4 TYPE AIRCRAFT FOR ABOUT

A YEAR. GEN LATORRE INDICATED THE FUHE
KSMHS TO MAKE TRADE
OFF STUDIES INVOLVING THE A-4-B/C AND M AND OTHER AIRCRAFT
AND DID NOT EXPECT THE RESULTS UNTIL APPROXIMATELY JUNE-JULY
1975.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THIS APPARENTLY PUSHES A-4 PROBLEM
FAIRLY FAR INTO FUTURE, ANY CHANGE IN A NUMBER OF FACTORS COULD
RENEW STRONG AND IMMEDIATE GOC INTEREST IN THIS AIRCRAFT.
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